

Hello,

I am a subscriber to XM Satellite Radio and have been for almost one year. Over that time, I've come to appreciate the wide choice of musical programming available as well as the pristine digital audio quality. Since subscribing to XM, I've actually started listening to the radio again. I had given up on the radio stations with their narrow, poor choice of programming and glut of commercials.

Since March, XM radio has been offering local traffic and weather reports for my listening area. These have been more accurate, concise, timely and detailed than the reports on the local stations. Again, this helps me when I drive to work, since I can have the traffic report when I need it - not when the local station chooses to broadcast it.

I have willingly paid to subscribe to XM Radio. I appreciate the things they have done to make my life more interesting and now easier with these local traffic and weather reports. In a truly free marketplace, people should be free to purchase, lease or subscribe to products which add to the quality of their lives. They should be able to do this freely, as they wish without the government, driven by special interest lobbyists, telling them what to do. Now, I see the National Association of Broadcasters has a petition, (04-160) which seeks to limit or destroy this freedom in the broadcast marketplace. I'm tired of seeing these monopolies go crying to the government whenever they feel pressed by competition, and then the government bends the knee and caves in to them.

In closing, let me say this: It could be that you decide to bow to the NAB's request and give them everything they want. You could even drive services like XM and Sirius radio off the air. It won't make me turn back to the local stations tired programming. I will just turn my radio off!

Sincerely,

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